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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116;
2. A copy of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement submission filed May 28, 2003, including:
  - a. The Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
  - b. The Form PTO-1449 (2 pages);
  - c. The eight (8) accompanying documents; and
  - d. The postcard date-stamped by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; and
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